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The Gratz College of Philadelphia, in furtherance of its general purpose of preparing teachers for Jewish religious schools and stimulating religious instruction, published, in 1907, statistical data of the Jewish Religious Schools of Philadelphia. Believing that progress in the direction of Jewish education, as well as in any other undertaking, depends largely upon a knowledge of existing conditions, it was decided to extend this inquiry to the neighboring city of Baltimore and to the second largest city in the State of Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, and the results of the inquiry are here presented. It is hoped that similar investigations will soon be made as to the status of Jewish elementary education in other centres of Jewish life in this country.

The editor desires to make grateful acknowledgment to all who have aided in bringing this material together, and especially in Baltimore to Mr. B. H. Hartogensis and Mr. Morris A. Rome, and in Pittsburg to Rev. Dr. Rudolph I. Coffee, who have given much time and labor to this work in their respective cities.



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STATISTICAL DATA

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It is estimated that there are 50,000 Jews in Baltimore City, of whom the largest number lives in the congested district East of Jones' Falls. To provide for these there are 34 schools, in which a total enrollment of 2,845 is given by the official figures submitted herewith. It is obvious that not sufficient provision is made for those whose attendance at schools or Chedorim may be expected. Geographically considered, it appears that there are large numbers of boys and girls of the school age in the North-western residential section, in the Southern district and in the Western suburbs near Pulaski Street unprovided for.

There is no Sunday School Society in Baltimore and there are no Sunday Schools, saving the Frank Free Sabbath School, although the Council of Jewish Women does maintain Bible Classes and Study Circles; the Daughters in Israel conduct services every Sabbath afternoon, except in the summer, for some 400 children, while the Hebrew Education Society, at its building on Sabbath morning and holidays, has services for about 200 more; the Talmud Torah Free School Society is inaugurating model Sabbath services under its newly installed superintendent, Rabbi E. N. Rabinowitz, in its amply large and attractive hall; yet it is said there is room for more such services, while none are provided outside of the congested districts on the East side.

The Talmud Torah has a new well-equipped building, a capable superintendent in Rabbi Rabinowitz, a graduate of the Jewish Theological Seminary, and an adequate corps of teachers. The Hebrew Education Society, with its fifty years of prestige, is likewise fortunate in quarters and ten teachers. Dr. S. Benderly, the superintendent, has achieved national distinction for conducting at this building a model school in which, beginning with the children at tender ages, Hebrew is taught as a living language, much after the Yellin method. The Sabbath Schools conducted by the congregations, to which Rabbis Rosenau, Guttmacher and Rubinstein respectively minister, are well equipped, have a corps of competent teachers and get good results, though instruction is limited to but once a week.

The Hebrew Education Society conducts a training school for intending teachers, but provides no course for regular teachers. B. H. H.

I—PUPILS

SCHOOLS	Boys	GIRLS	TOTAL	AVERAGE ATTEND- ANCE
I—Congregational				
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation	105	118	223	190
Chizuk Emunah	42	18	60	60
Har Sinai			125	
Oheb Shalom	126	124	250	200
Shearith Israel	25	20	45	40
II—Orphan Asylum			703	
Hebrew Orphan Asylum	38	32	70	70
III—Talmud Torahs				
Baltimore Talmud Torah Society	571	70	641	525
Talmud Torah V'Haemunah	190	0	190	190
Keneset Israel Talmud Torah	70	0	70	70
Anshe Emunah Talmud Torah	80	0	80	80
IV—Sabbath School	911	70	981	865
Frank Sabbath School	75	325	400	350
V—Hebrew Education Society*			306	
VI—Private Schools				
B. Balk	12	0	12	12
M. Blank	15	0	15	15
H. Brodie	65	0	65	65
I. Echikowitz	18	0	18	15
I. Edelson	15	0	15	14
F. Friedlander	15	0	15	15
M. Gann	4	0	4	4
M. Glasser	15	3	18	17
T. Goodman	4	0	4	4
I. Mechanik	10	0	10	10
H. Mirvis	20	0	20	20
B. Moss	10	0	10	10
M. Nathanson	30	0	30	30
Olele Zion Hebrew School	30	0	30	30
S. Plotsky	9	0	9	8
I. Samuels	10	0	10	10
M. Schwartz	4	0	4	4
M. Slatowsky	25	0	25	25
S. Sokolowsky	21	0	21	15
S. Spector	20	0	20	20
R. Stichman	20	0	20	20
J. Zirlman	10	0	10	10
	382	3	385	373
GRAND TOTAL.....			2845	

*No information was furnished by the authorities. Data obtained from secondary sources.

II—TEACHERS

SCHOOLS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PAID
I—Congregational				
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation	3	9	12	10
Chizuk Emunah	1	2	3	3
Har Sinai	2	4	6	5
Oheb Shalom	3	7	10	10
Shearith Israel	1	0	1	1
	10	22	32	29
II—Orphan Asylum				
Hebrew Orphan Asylum	1	0	1	1
III—Talmud Torahs				
Baltimore Talmud Torah Society	12	0	12	12
Talmud Torah V'Haemunah	4	0	4	4
Keneset Israel Talmud Torah	2	0	2	2
Anshe Emunah Talmud Torah	3	0	3	3
	21	0	21	21
IV—Sabbath School				
Frank Sabbath School	0	12	12	0
V—Hebrew Education Society*			10	
VI—Private Schools				
22 Schools Each Having One Teacher.	22	0	22	22
GRAND TOTAL.....			98	

*No information was furnished by the authorities. Data obtained from secondary sources.

III—MEETINGS AND SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTION

Abbreviations Used in this Table. A.—Abrahams, Manual of Scripture History (Bloch Publishing Co., New York); B.—Bible; BY—Ben Yehuda, Dibre ha-Yamim li-Bene Israel; D.—Deutsch, Biblical History (published by author); Gr.—Graetz, History of the Jews (Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia); Gu.—Guttmacher, Sabbath School Companion (Bloch Publishing Co., New York); H.—Harris, The People of the Book, 3 volumes (published by the author); He.—Hecht, Jewish Post-Biblical History (Bloch Publishing Co., New York); Ja.—Jacobs, Hebrew Faith (published by the author); Jos.—Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews; K.—Katzenberg, Bible History (Bloch Publishing Co., New York); Ka.—Katzenberg, Faith and Deed (Bloch Pub. Co., N. Y.); Ko.—Kohler, Guide for Instruction in Judaism (Philip Cowen, New York); L.—Levi, Hebrew Course Book (Jewish Chautauqua Society, Philadelphia); Le.—Levy, Religion and Ethics for Jewish Children; LM.—Lady Magnus, Outlines of Jewish History (Jewish Publication Society, Philadelphia); M.—Mendes, Child's First Bible (published by author); Ma.—Mannheimer, Hebrew Reader and Grammar (Bloch Publishing Co., New York) Me.—Mendes, Jewish Religion Ethically Presented (published by author); Mi.—Mishnah; PB—Prayer Book; ShA—Shulhan Aruch; T—Talmud; U.—Krauskopf and Berkowitz, Union Hebrew Reader (Bloch Publishing Co., New York).

SCHOOLS	MEETINGS		TEXT BOOKS			Is the study of Hebrew Compulsory
	Sunday	Other Days	Hebrew	Bible History	Religion	
I—Congregational						
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation ...	9.15-12 A.M.	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur. 4.30-6 P.M.	L.	H.; Ha.; A.	Gu.	Yes
Chizuk Emunah ...	9-11 A.M.		P.B.; B.	K.		No
Har Sinai	9.30-11.30 A.M.		U.; P.B.	D.; L.M.	Me.; Ko.	Yes
Oheb Shalom	9-11.30 A.M.		Ma.; P.B.; B.	H.		"
Shearith Israel	Daily except Saturday		P.B.; B.	He.	Sh.; A.	"
II—Orphan Asylum						
Hebrew Orphan Asylum	Daily 4-6 P.M.		P.B.; B.; Mi	K.	Ka.; Ja.	"
III—Talmud Torahs						
Beth Talmud Torah Society	Daily 9-12 A.M., 1.30-3.30 & 4-6.30 P.M.		B. Mi. T.			"
Talmud Torah V'Haemunah....	Daily 9-12 A.M., 2-4 & 4-7 P.M.		Not Given			"
Keneseth Israel Hebrew School	Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur. & Sat. 4-7 P.M.		Nof Given	B.Y.		"
Anshe Emunah Talmud Torah	Daily except Fri. 4-7 P.M.					"
IV—Sabbath School						
Frank Sabbath School		Sat. 2-4 P.M.				No
V—Private Schools						
B. Balk	Daily 4-7 P.M. except Fri.					Yes
M. Blank	7-12 A.M.	D'y 4-7 P.M.	P.B.; B.	B.	Sh.; A.	"
H. Brodie	Daily except Sat. 3-6 P.M.					"
I. Echikowitz	Daily 8-9 A.M. 3.30-7 P.M.					"
I. Edelson	Daily 8-9 A.M. 4-6 P.M.					"
F. Friedlander						"
M. Gann	Daily 3-5 P.M.					"

III—Continued

M. Glasser	Daily 33.0-7 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes
T. Goodman .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
I. Mechanik .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
H. Mirvis .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
B. Moss .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
M. Nathanson	9 A.M.-2 P.M.	D'ly 4-7 P.M.	P. B.	.....	.....	"
Olele Zion Hebrew School	4-9.30 P.M.	Daily	.....	.....	.....	"
S. Plotsky	Daily 8-9 A.M. 5-7 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
I. Samuels	Daily 3-7 P.M.	.....	P. B.; B.	.....	.....	"
M. Schwartz	Daily 3-5 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
R. Stichman	D'ly 7-9 A.M. 4-7 P.M., Sun. 10 A.M.-2 P.M.	.....	P. B.; B.	.....	.....	"
M. Slatowsky	Daily 4-9 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
S. Sokolowsky	D'ly 8-10 A.M. 3-5 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
S. Spector	Daily 1.30-4 P.M.	.....	.....	.....	.....	"
J. Zirlman .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	"

IV—INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOLS	No. of Classes	No. of Pupils in each Class	Has each Class a Separate Room	Is there a School Board	No. of Volumes in the Library	
					Judaica	Secular
I—Congregational						
Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.	8	.....	Yes	Yes	No	.....
Chizuk Emunah	3	20	"	"	"	.....
Har Sinai	7	.....	"	"	about	500 in all
Oheb Shalom	10	Av. 25	"	"	250	753
Shearith Israel	3	15	"	"	No	.....
II—Orphan Asylum						
Hebrew Orphan Asylum	4	Av. 18	No	"	2200 v	ols. in all
III—Talmud Torahs						
Baltimore Talmud Torah Society	8	40	Yes	"	.....	.....
Talmud Torah V'Haemunah...	4	Av. 50	"	.....	.....	.....
Keneset Israel Hebrew School...	2	" 40	"	Yes	.....	.....
Anshe Emunah Talmud Torah..	3	" 25	"	"	.....	.....
IV—Sabbath School						
Frank Sabbath School	12	" 30	"	No	.....	.....
V—Hebrew Education Society*						
	21					
VI—Private Schools						
B. Balk	2	6				
M. Blank	2	Av. 7	No			
H. Brodie	2	" 33	Yes			
I. Echikowitz	2	9				
I. Edelson	2	Av. 7				
F. Friedlander	1	15				
M. Gann	1	4				
M. Glasser	1	18				
T. Goodman	1	4				
I. Mechanik	1	10				
H. Mirvis	1	20				
B. Moss	1	10				
M. Nathanson	2	Av. 15	Yes			
Olele Zion Hebrew School	2	" 15	"			
S. Plotsky	1	9				
I. Samuels	1	10				
M. Schwartz	1	4				
R. Stichman	2	10	No			
M. Slatowsky	3	Av. 8				
S. Sokolowsky	2	" 10	Yes			
S. Spector	3	" 7	"			
J. Zirlman	1	10				

*No information was furnished by the authorities. Data obtained from secondary sources.

V—SCHOOLS, LOCATION AND SUPERINTENDENTS

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	SUPERINTENDENT
1 Baltimore Hebrew Congrega- tional School	Madison Ave. & Rob- ert St.	Adolf Guttmacher
2 Chizuk Emunah Congrega- tional School	McCulloch & Masher Sts.	Herman Glass
3 Har Sinai Sabbath School...		C. A. Rubenstein
4 Religious School Congrega- tional Oheb Shalom	Eutaw Pl. & Lan.	William Rosenau
5 Hebrew School of Congrega- tional Shearith Israel	McCulloch near Bloom	S. Schaffer
6 School of Hebrew Orphan Asylum	Caleverton Heights ...	S. Freudenthal
7 Baltimore Talmud Torah So- ciety	21 N. High St.....	P. I. Shochet
8 Talmud Torah V'Haemunah	249 N. High St.....	H. Davidson
9 Cheneses Israel Talmud Torah	782 W. Franklin St..	H. Schwartzman
10 Anshe Emunah Talmud Torah	Hanover near Hill St.	Harry Samburg
11 Frank Sabbath School	117 Aisquith St.....	Martha Stromberg
12 Heder	Hanover & Hill Sts..	B. Balk
13 Heder	223 S. Central Ave...	Moses Blank
14 Heder	229 S. High St.....	H. Brodie
15 Heder	125 S. Central Ave...	I. Echikowitz
16 Heder	1074 Granby St.....	I. Edelson
17 Heder	234 S. Eden St.....	P. Friedlander
18 Heder	649 Lombard St.....	M. Gann
19 Heder	5 N. Irving Pl.....	N. Glasser
20 Heder	729 W. Baltimore St..	Tobias Goodman
21 Heder	131 Gough St.....	Israel Mechanik
22 Heder	141 S. Central Ave...	Hirsch Mirvis
23 Heder	215 S. Exeter St.....	B. Moss
24 Heder	1113 Granby St.....	Moses Nathanson
25 Olele Zion Hebrew Society..	14 W. Hill St.....	
26 Heder	1147 Granby St.....	Isaac Samuels
27 Heder	126 S. Eden St.....	S. Plotsky
28 Heder	125 N. Pine St.....	M. Schwartz
29 Heder	754 W. German St...	Reuben Stichman
30 Heder	203 N. Caroline St...	M. Slatowsky
31 Heder	112 Albermarle St....	S. Sokolowsky
32 Shomere Hadass Religious School	1010 E. Pratt St.....	Samuel Spector
33 Heder	1040 E. Lombard St..	Joe Zirlman
34 Hebrew Education Society...	125 Aisquith St.....	S. Benderley

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—OF THE—

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—FOR—

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Hebrew Education in Pittsburg dates from 1862, when Temple Rodeph Shalom organized a day school with the minister of the congregation, Rev. Wm. Armhold, now of Philadelphia, and Mr. Josiah Cohen, now Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, as teachers. The curriculum, in addition to public school studies, included Hebrew, Biblical History and German. In 1865, Mr. Armhold accepted a position in Philadelphia, and Mr. Cohen resigned to practise law. Rev. L. Naumberg (minister, 1865-1871) and Prof. J. Morrow, now Superintendent of Schools, Allegheny, Pa., conducted the school for one year. After that instruction was limited to one session on Sabbath mornings and consisted of Hebrew and Bible study. In 1885, under the administration of Dr. L. Meyer (1872-1901), the day of instruction was changed to Sunday. Rev. Dr. J. Leonard Levy completely reorganized the school in 1901, and this year, in the post-Confirmation Class, has introduced the study of Hebrew.

In 1864, conservative members withdrew from the Temple and formed the Tree of Life Synagogue. Daily Hebrew instruction was given under the direction of Alexander Fink, president of the congregation for many years. The Cantor, according to the official contract, was to assist in the school, and also the sexton, Mr. A. Goldstein, who became sexton in 1884, has taught Hebrew with splendid results to more children in the city than any other one man. Rabbi Michael Fried (now in Sacramento, Cal.) was minister from 1898 to 1906, and organized a systematic Sunday School with weekly sermonettes. Rev. Dr. Rudolph I. Coffee reorganized the curriculum in 1906, and the attendance was more than tripled the following year when the congregation entered its new edifice. Mr. Henry Jackson has been Chairman of the School Board for the past twenty-seven years.

The Washington Street Synagogue, organized in 1869, had no regular school till 1902, when Rabbi A. M. Ashinsky started instruction each Sunday morning in Biblical History and Catechism.

The Gusky Orphanage children were formerly sent to the Temple School, with additional instruction in Hebrew at the Home. Because of the distance since the removal of the Temple, only the older children attend, and the others study at the Home.

Outside of the above, all instruction in Biblical History is under private direction. A very serious difficulty in this community is that of obtaining good teachers. There are very few Jewish persons employed as teachers in the public schools, and so principals have to create the teaching staffs themselves.

R. I. C.

I—PUPILS

SCHOOLS	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL	AVERAGE ATTEND- ANCE
I—Congregational				
Anshe Saneé	30	0	30	28
Beth Jacob	60	0	60	55
Beth Hamidrash Hagadol	95	190	285	205
Galician School	20	0	20	20
Rodeph Shalom School	133	171	304	286
Tree of Life School	120	125	245	205
	458	486	944	799
II—Orphan Asylum				
J. M. Guský Orphanage and Home....	27	19	46	46
III—Other Schools				
Columbian School and Settlement	396	0	396	220
Talmud Torah	75	0	75	65
	471	0	471	285
IV—Private Schools				
Mr. Chernoff	16	0	16	16
Mr. S. Galantz	9	0	9	9
Mr. Geffen	25	0	25	20
Mr. Kamenetzky	30	0	30	30
Mr. H. Lefsovsky	30	0	30	30
Mr. Tolotzky	17	0	17	16
Cor. Crawford & Centre Avenues....	10	0	10	8
64 Crawford Street	5	0	5	4
	142	0	142	128
GRAND TOTAL.....	1098	505	1603	1258

II—TEACHERS

SCHOOLS	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	PAID
I—Congregational				
Anshe Saneé	1	0	1	1
Beth Jacob	3	0	3	3
Beth Hamidrash Hagadol	5	6	11	0
Galician School	1	0	1	1
Rodeph Shalom School	1	8	9	9
Tree of Life School	2	8	10	10
	13	26	39	24
II—Orphan Asylum				
Guský Orphanage and Home	1	0	1	1
III—Other Schools				
Columbian School Settlement	0	9	9	0
Talmud Torah	3	0	3	3
	3	9	12	3
IV—Private Schools				
8 Schools Each Having One Teacher..	8	0	8	8
GRAND TOTAL.....	25	31	56	36

III—MEETINGS AND SUBJECTS OF INSTRUCTIONS*

SCHOOLS	MEETINGS		TEXT BOOKS			Is the study of Hebrew Compulsory
	Sunday	Other Days	Hebrew	Bible History	Religion	
I—Congregational						
Anshe Sanece		D'yly 3-8 P.M.				Yes
Beth Jacob		D'yly 3-8 P.M.				"
Beth Hamidrash Hagadol	10-12 A.M.					No
Galician School ...		D'yly 3-7 P.M.				Yes
Rodeph Shalom School	2.30-4.30 P.M. (In Sept. Oct. May & June 10-12 A.M.)			H.; L.M.	Le.	No
Tree of Life School.	10-12 A.M.	4-5 P.M. (4 w'k days)	U.; P.B.	A.		"
II—Orphan Asylum						
Gusky Orphanage & Home	Daily 1 hour			Jos.; Gr.	B.; T.	"
III—Other schools						
Columbian School Settlement	9.30-11.30 A.M.			H.; Gr.	Leaflets	"
Talmud Torah		D'yly 3-6 P.M.				Yes
IV—Private Schools						
8 Schools, all teach daily between 3 and 7 P. M., Hebrew compulsory in all.						

*For List of Abbreviations used here see page 7

IV—INTERNAL ORGANIZATION OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL	No. of Classes	No. of Pupils in each Class	Has each Class a Separate Room	Is there a School Board	Library	
					Judaica	Secular
I—Congregational						
Anshe Saneë	3	10	No			
Beth Jacob	3	20	Yes	Yes		
Beth Hamidrash Hagadol	11	Av. 25	No	No		
Galician School	0	6	"	"		
Rodeph Shalom School	9	31	Yes	Yes	107	482
Tree of Life School	10	24	"	"		
II—Orphan Asylum						
Gusky Orphanage and Home....	6	Varies	"	"		
III—Other Schools						
Columbian School Settlement....	9	Not given	"	No		
Talmud Torah	4	18	"			
IV—Private Schools						
Mr. Chernoff	2	Av. 8	No			
Mr. S. Salantz	1	5	Yes			
Mr. Geffen	3	9-10-11	No			
Mr. Kamenetzky	3	9	"			
Mr. H. Lefsofsky	4	7	"			
Mr. Tolotzky	2	9-8	"			
Cor. Crawford & Central Aves..	2	5	"			
64 Crawford Street	1	4	Yes			

V—SCHOOLS, LOCATION AND SUPERINTENDENTS

NAME OF SCHOOL	ADDRESS	SUPERINTENDENT
I—Congregational		
Anshe Saneé	Cor. Fulton & Clark Boul'd	Mr. M. S. Schonfield
Beth Jacob	Cor. Townsend & Franklin Sts.	
Beth Hamidrash Hagadol....	Washington St.	David S. Levy Rabbi J. L. Levy Rabbi Rudolph I. Coffee
Galician School	65 Cranford St.....	
Rodeph Shalom School	5th & Morewood Aves.	
Tree of Life School	218 Craft Ave.....	
II—Orphan Asylum		
Gusky Orphanage and Home.	3605 Perrysville Ave., Allegheny	B. M. Goldsmith
III—Other schools		
Columbian School and Settle- ment Ethics Classes	1835 Centre Ave.....	Miss Anna Reed
Talmud Torah	137 Cranford St.....	
IV—Private Schools		
Heder	Ross & Dimidie Sts...	Mr. Chernoff
Heder	27 Carpenter Alley...	Mr. S. Galantz
Heder	1225 Franklin St....	Mr. Geffen
Heder	1312 Clark St.....	Mr. Kamenetzky
Heder	21 Townsend St., rear.	Mr. H. Lefsovsky
Heder	1308 Franklin St....	Mr. Tolotzky
Heder	Cor. Cranford & Cen- tre Ave.	
Heder	64 Cranford St.....	

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